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SAM HOUSTON

*Cultivated mind is the guardian genius of Democracy, and while guided and controlled by virtue, the noblest attribute of man. It is the only dictator that freemen acknowledge, and the only security which freemen desire.*

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## FOREWORD

The sources suggested in this pamphlet contain elementary school, senior and junior declamations, and poems for poetry reading, suitable for League contests. Of course, there are many other sources of excellent material that are not included because space is limited or because they have not been brought to our attention.

We hope, however, that declamation and poetry reading sponsors will make very careful selections from either the books listed here or from other sources.

Poems and prose materials may be selected from any source by the students and teachers. The League does not rule on the eligibility of selections for either junior or senior declamations, or poems for poetry reading, but we shall be glad to give an opinion as to suitability. The sponsors will make selections according to the qualifications set forth in the rules found in the Constitution and Rules. Read these rules carefully. A copy of the rules may be found in your superintendent's or principal's office.

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## POETRY

- American Poetry*, edited by A. B. DeMille. Allyn & Bacon, Boston, Mass., 1949. List price, \$1.88; Texas Book Store price, \$1.69. 339 pp. This is a good standard anthology of American Poetry, and includes most of the well-known, as well as a good cross-section of lesser known works of most of the outstanding American poets. Good source for Junior Declamations and selections for Poetry Reading.
- An Anthology of American Poetry*, edited by Alfred Kreymborg. Tudor Publishing Co., New York, 1935. List price, \$2.49; Texas Book Store price, \$2.25. 650 pp. This volume is a comprehensive anthology of the poetry between 1630 and 1935. The book is literary in tone and contains nearly 600 poems arranged in chronological order. Many of the poems are suitable for Junior Declamation and for Poetry Reading.
- An Anthology of Famous English and American Poetry*, edited by William R. Benet and Conrad Aiken. Modern Library, New York, 1944. List price, \$2.45; Texas Book Store price, \$2.00. 961 pp. The anthology contains all of the standard poems of the best known British and American poets. It is similar to other anthologies of this type. Many of the selections are suitable for Junior Declamation and for Poetry Reading.
- An Anthology of Modern American Poetry*, edited by Conrad Aiken. Modern Library, New York, 1927. List price, \$1.45; Texas Book Store price, \$1.20. 367 pp. These poems are the personal selection of Conrad Aiken, one of America's distinguished writers. Not too many poets are represented but each of the major poets has a number of selections. Many of the poems included in this volume are new to the reading public and are suitable both for Junior Declamation and for Poetry Reading.
- Best Loved Poems of the American People*, edited by Hazel Felleman. Garden City Publishing Co., Garden City, N.Y., 1936. List price, \$2.49; Texas Book Store price, \$2.00. 670 pp. The poems included in this anthology are those that have earned a place in the hearts of Americans because of their great emotional appeal. The poems are not particularly literary in tone, but all are interesting. Many of them are suitable for Junior Declamation and Poetry Reading.
- A Book of Americans*, by Rosemary and Stephen Benet. Rinehart and Co., Inc., New York, 1933. List price, \$3.00; Texas Book Store price, \$2.40. 114 pp. These poems are particularly suited to Elementary School Declamation. As is indicated by the title, the poets and the subject matter are largely American in nature.
- A Book of Historical Poems*, compiled by William R. Bowlin. Albert Whitman & Co., Chicago, Ill., 1939. List price, \$1.00; Texas Book Store price, \$ .90. 158 pp. The book contains over 100 poems dealing with the history of America. Many of the poems are introduced by a running commentary which gives the significance and the place of the poem in history. Most of the poems are approached from the human interest standpoint.
- A Book of Living Poems*, compiled by William R. Bowlin. Albert Whitman & Co., Chicago, Ill., 1946. List price, \$1.00; Texas Book Store price, \$ .90. 158 pp. The poems in this book are approached from the standpoint of personal inspirational viewpoint. The poems lend themselves to reading aloud, though most of them are of the lyric or personal type. Here, again, the poems are introduced by William Bowlin, editor of the volume.
- A Book of Personal Poems*, compiled by William R. Bowlin. Albert Whitman & Co., Chicago, Ill., 1946. List price, \$1.00; Texas Book Store price, \$ .90. 158 pp. These poems reflect the idealistic in poetry and are very often sacred in nature. As reflected in the title, the poems are intensely personal. Some of them might possibly be used in the Junior Declamation Contest and in the Poetry Reading Contest, but for the most part they are too introspective to lend themselves well to oral interpretation.

- A Book of Treasured Poems*, compiled by William R. Bowlin. Albert Whitman & Co., Chicago, Ill., 1928. List price, \$1.00; Texas Book Store price, \$ .90. 138 pp. The poems in this book are largely poems of a sentimental and emotional nature. Many of the poems are suitable for Junior Declamation and for Poetry Reading.
- The Boy's Book of Verse*, edited by Helen D. Fish. J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia, Pa., 1940. List price, \$2.75; Texas Book Store price, \$2.20. 406 pp. The book has poems which are slanted to boys by some of the best writers in the realm of literature. Many of the selections are suitable, particularly, for boys in the Junior Declamation Contest. A great many of the selections are also suitable for the Poetry Reading Contest.
- Choral Verse Speaking*, by Elizabeth E. Keppie. Expression Co., Boston, Mass., 1939. List price, \$3.25; Texas Book Store price, \$3.25, net. 360 pp. This book, containing many selections already marked for verse speaking, is intended mainly for Senior High School choral speaking groups. A good deal of allied material concerning voice production and speaking habits is also given.
- Collected Poems of Edwin Arlington Robinson*. Macmillan Co., Dallas, 1937. List price \$7.00; Texas Book Store price, \$5.60. 1498 pp. This is a large volume of Robinson's poems (1498 pages), which includes several suitable for the Junior Declamation Contest and for the Poetry Reading Contest. Of the great host of poems, however, only about 40 fall into this category. This is an excellent volume to have for those people who are interested in Robinson's poetry.
- Collected Verse of Rudyard Kipling*, Doubleday & Co., Garden City, New York, 1907. List price, \$3.00; Texas Book Store price, \$2.40: 367 pp. All of the standard poems of Kipling are included in this book. Much of Kipling's poetry is not suitable for oral interpretation, but he does have enough selections that are suitable to make this an interesting volume to have. By careful selection, poems suitable for the Junior Declamation Contest and the Poetry Reading Contest may be secured.
- The Family Book of Best Loved Poems*, edited by David L. George. Hanover House, Garden City, N.Y., 1952. List price, \$2.95; Texas Book Store price, \$2.40. 485 pp. The poems are grouped under the general headings of Love, Faith and Inspiration, America, Nature, and the like. This is an excellent source book for Junior Declamations and Poetry Reading selections.
- The Girl's Book of Verse*, edited by Mary Davis. J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia, Pa., 1937. List price, \$2.75; Texas Book Store price, \$2.20. 298 pp. Although this volume is supposed to be for girls, many of the poems are of general interest in both the Junior Declamation Contest and the Poetry Reading Contest. Most of the poets are from the realm of those who have been contributors to what is considered good literature. A great majority of the poems are short, though some of the longer ballads are also included.
- The Golden Flute*, edited by Hubbard and Babbitt. John Day Co., New York, 1932. List price, \$3.50; Texas Book Store price, \$3.15. 320 pp. The age level of these poems is supposed to be from the kindergarten through age 9. The poems are listed according to the child's interest and activity. The book has been strongly influenced by the Instrumentalism of John Dewey, and was compiled at Teachers College, Columbia University. The poems are suitable for the Elementary School.
- The Home Book for Verse for Young Folks*, edited by Burton E. Stevenson. Henry Holt & Co., New York, 1940. List price, \$4.75; Texas Book Store price, \$3.80. 672 pp. The collection includes 328 poems especially suited to Elementary School Declamation. Although the book is old, it is still one of the best in its field. Many of the standard authors of both America and England are represented.
- Junior High School Poetry*, selected by John A. O'Keefe and Frederick A. Guindon. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston Mass., 1927. List price, \$1.98; Texas Book Store price, \$1.80. 386 pp. The poetry is divided into grades seven, eight, and nine.

However, the lines of demarcation seem to be a bit arbitrary and any of the poetry is as suitable for Senior as for Junior High School. The greatest value of the book is that many little-known selections are included which might serve as new materials for Junior Declaimers. Selections are also suitable for Poetry Reading.

*A Little Treasury of American Poetry* (Revised Edition), edited by Oscar Williams. Chas. Scribner's Sons, New York, 1952. List price, \$3.00; Texas Book Store price, \$2.40. 860 pp. This volume and the *Little Treasury of British Poetry* are similar in nature in that they both give the standard works of the respective schools of writers, British and American. This volume includes the major poems of American writers from Colonial to the present day. Excellent source book for Junior Declamation and for Poetry Reading.

*A Little Treasury of British Poetry*, edited by Oscar Williams. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1951. List price, \$3.00; Texas Book Store price, \$2.40. 874 pp. The chief English poets from 1500 to 1950 are represented. An excellent anthology—small in over-all size, but thick in pages—giving most of the standard poems.

*A Little Treasury of Great Poetry*, edited by Oscar Williams. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1947. List price, \$3.00; Texas Book Store price, \$2.40. 816 pp. This is another in the series of books known as "Little Treasuries." Although the books are small in all over dimensions, they contain many pages (816 in this particular book). Elementary School, Junior Declamation and Poetry Reading contestants will be able to find selections in this book.

*Magic Casements*, edited by Carhart and McGhee. Macmillan Co., Dallas, 1939. List price, \$5.75; Texas Book Store price, \$4.60. 727 pp. The main emphasis of this book is on the literary works of better known poets. The selections are generally suitable for Junior Declamation, and for Poetry Reading. There are not many poems included which the Elementary School children would want to use.

*Minor Poems*, by John Milton. Allyn and Bacon, Boston, Mass., 1948. List price, \$1.32; Texas Book Store price, \$1.19. 129 pp. The Allyn and Bacon Academy Classics Series includes a number of interesting small books which deal with a few poems at a time. A good section of these books is devoted to the author and to an interpretation of the poems. This book of Milton's *Minor Poems* is typical. It is scholarly in approach, and gives a good insight into some of Milton's works, if such depth is desired by the students and the teacher. This is a possible source for Poetry Reading selections.

*Modern American, Modern British Poetry* (combined edition), edited by Louis Untermeyer. Harcourt Brace & Co., New York, 1936. List price, \$6.50; Texas Book Store price, \$5.20. 549 pp. This is probably the best and most complete anthology of both American and British poetry on the market. It is a splendid reference book and should be included in every school library. The American section has 784 poems and the British section has 820 poems. The American section starts with Walt Whitman and the British section starts with Christina Rossetti (both lived in the middle 1800's) and both sections come up to modern times. A splendid source for poetry reading.

*Modern Lyrics*, edited by Kate L. Dickinson. Allyn & Bacon, Dallas, 1930. List price, \$1.64; Texas Book Store price, \$1.48. 353 pp. Most of the poems are personal and short. Some of them might possibly be suitable for Junior Declamation and for Poetry Reading.

*More Silver Pennies*, edited by Blanche J. Thompson. Macmillan Co., Dallas, 1938. List price, \$2.50; Texas Book Store price, \$2.00. 155 pp. The book contains approximately 30 poems which are usable in the Elementary School Contest. The two parts of the book are separated so that the emphasis in the second part is on older readers. Most of the poems are extremely short.

*My Caravan*, edited by Eulalie Osgood Grover. Albert Whitman & Co., Chicago, Ill., 1936. List price, \$1.50; Texas Book Store price, \$1.20. 158 pp. The emphasis of this book is on the outdoors and nature. Many of the poems are not to be found in other volumes and may provide fresh material for both the Elementary and the Junior Declamation Contests. The emphasis, however, is on the Elementary School age.

*My Poetry Book*, selected and arranged by Grace Thompson Huffard and Laura Mae Carlisle. John C. Winston Co., Chicago, Ill., 1952. List price, \$3.50; Texas Book Store price, \$2.80. 504 pp. The many selections included in this book are relatively short, and admirably suited to the Elementary School Declamation Contest. There are, however, many Junior Declamation poems included as well, such as "Sea Memories," by Longfellow, and "The House With Nobody In It," by Kilmer. All the selections are poems.

*The New Poetry*, edited by Monroe and Henderson. Macmillan Co., Dallas, 1939. List price, \$5.00; Texas Book Store price, \$4.00. 775 pp. The authors state this is "an anthology of Twentieth-Century verse in English." Both British and American poets are represented. The selections are suitable for either Junior Declamation or for Poetry Reading.

*One Hundred and One Famous Poems*, edited by Roy J. Cook. The Cable Co., Chicago, Ill., 1929. List price, paper bound, \$ .60; cloth bound, \$1.50; Texas Book Store prices, \$ .50 and \$1.20. 186 pp. This is an anthology in which a great many of the old-time favorites are quoted. There are a few prose selections in the back of the book. If you are looking for the old-time favorites, you can probably find them in this booklet.

*The Pageant of English Poetry*, Oxford University Press, New York, 1939. List price, \$2.50; Texas Book Store price, \$2.00. 606 pp. This is another anthology containing the standard works of great poets through the ages. Selections suitable for the Junior Declamation Contest and for Poetry Reading may be found here.

*The Pocket Book of Verse*, edited by M. E. Spears. Pocket Books, Inc., New York, 1940. Texas Book Store price, \$ .25 net. 422 pp. This little book, containing 249 poems, may be picked up at practically any drug store or newsstand where pocket books are sold. Many of the great English and American poems are included. Although the selection is fairly wide, most of the poems present real problems in oral presentation. The book was compiled mainly for the individual reader to use as a source for meditation and contemplation.

*Poems for Modern Youth*, edited by Gillis and Benet. Houghton Mifflin Co., Cambridge, Mass., 1938. List price, \$2.48; Texas Book Store price, \$2.23. 529 pp. As the title suggests, these poems are slanted to present-day living. Although the selections are up to date in theme, the general calibre of the selections seems to be a little low. By careful selection, students looking for Junior Declamations or for contest material in Poetry Reading might possibly find something here.

*Poems for Youth*, edited by William R. Benet. E. P. Dutton & Co., New York, 1940. List price, \$4.50; Texas Book Store price, \$3.60. 78 pp. This is a source book of poems, most of which are not too well known. The poems are suitable for Junior Declamation and for Poetry Reading.

*Poems of American History*, collected and edited by Burton Egbert Stevenson. Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston, Mass., 1936. List price, 5.40; Texas Book Store price, \$5.40 net. 720 pp. Both American and English poets are represented in a loosely woven history of America as seen through the eyes of these poets. Many poems of and about America are found in this volume which are not otherwise easily available. Thee book is an excellent source of Junior Declamations, and selections for the Poetry Reading Contest.



*Poems of Childhood*, by Eugene Field. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1904. List price, \$3.00; Texas Book Store price, \$2.40. 199 pp. This volume of poems, by Eugene Field, contains some 75 poems which might possibly be used in the Elementary Contest, and fewer than that which might be used in the Junior Declamation Contest. This is an oversized book with a number of beautiful illustrations.

*Poems of Today*, edited by Alice C. Cooper. Ginn & Co., Dallas, 1939. List price, \$2.48; Texas Book Store price, \$2.23. 412 pp. The poems in this book are all products of the twentieth century and reflect the significant changes, new conditions, and rapid developments which have taken place. The book offers some excellent selections for both the Elementary and Junior Declamation contests.

*The Poems of Longfellow*, Modern Library, New York. List price, \$1.45; Texas Book Store price, \$1.20. 678 pp. Typical of The Modern Library series, this book contains many of the lesser known poems of Longfellow. A great deal of the book is taken up with Longfellow's longer poems. Sections of these longer poems and some of the ballads and other poems are quite suitable for Junior Declamation and Poetry Reading. A few of Longfellow's poems are suitable for the Elementary School.

*Poems That Touch the Heart*, edited by A. L. Alexander. Garden City Publishing Co., Garden City, N. Y., 1941. List price, \$1.50; Texas Book Store price, \$1.20. 232 pp. Some 150 poems are included in this volume. Many of the old favorites are given, a number of which have prose introductions by the author explaining why he has chosen them. The author is a former radio commentator, and has read most of these poems on his program.

*Recent Poetry*, edited by Roy L. French. D. C. Heath & Co., Dallas, 1926. List price, \$1.80; Texas Book Store price, \$1.62. 425 pp. The poems included in this book range from the early 1900's to about 1925; thus, a good many contemporary poets are represented. Many of the selections are suitable for Junior Declamation and more for Poetry Reading.

*The Road Not Taken*, by Robert Frost. Edited by Louis Untermeyer. Henry Holt, New York, 1949. List price, \$3.50; Texas Book Store price, \$2.80. 277 pp. The volume contains many of the poems of Robert Frost. Frost's works lend themselves well to oral interpretation. Many of the selections should prove excellent for Junior Declamation and Poetry Reading Contests.

*Silver Pennies*, edited by Blanche J. Thompson. Macmillan Co., Dallas, 1938. List price, \$1.50; Texas Book Store price, \$1.20. 138 pp. These selections are slanted mainly at the Elementary School. The poems contained in this book will be of interest to younger students, though Junior Declaimers may be able to use some of the material.

*Spoken Poetry in the Schools*, by Marjorie Gullan. Expression Co., Boston, Mass., 1942. List price, \$2.00; Texas Book Store price, \$2.00, net. 116 pp. Marjorie Gullan is one of the foremost exponents of choral speaking. This book gives most of her principles of how to build a choral speaking choir. Not a very good source of actual materials, but an excellent introduction for those interested in working with choral speaking or verse speaking in the schools.

*Sung Under the Silver Umbrella*, Macmillan Co., Dallas, 1939. List price, \$2.75; Texas Book Store price, \$2.20. 211 pp. The poems in this book are relatively short. Most of the poems will be of interest mainly to Elementary School contestants.

*Three Narrative Poems*, edited by George A. Watrous; revised by A. B. De Mille. Allyn and Bacon, Boston, Mass., 1950. List price, \$1.56; Texas Book Store price, \$1.40. 126 pp. Coleridge's "Rime of the Ancient Mariner," Arnold's "Sohrab and Rustum," and Tennyson's "Enoch Arden" are included in this small volume. This is another in the Allyn and Bacon Academy Classics Series. A good portion

of the book is devoted to material about the poems. This is a good source book for information about the poets and about the three-mentioned poems.

*Under the Tent of the Sky*, edited by John E. Brewton. Macmillan Co., Dallas, 1937. List price \$3.00; Texas Book Store price, \$2.40. 205 pp. The poems are all about animals. Mainly, the poems are suitable for Elementary School Declamations. There are both familiar and unfamiliar selections which should prove of interest to children.

*The Winged Horse Anthology*, edited by Auslander and Hill. Doubleday & Co., Garden City, N. Y., 1949. List price, \$4.00; Texas Book Store price, \$3.20. 647 pp. This is an excellent anthology of current poets. Many of the selections are little known. Sponsors can find a good deal of fresh material for their declaimers in this book. Selections must be chosen carefully, for there are a number of poems that are not suitable for either Junior Declamation or Poetry Reading.

*Writing Your Poem*, by Lawrence John Zillman. Funk & Wagnalls, New York, 1950. List price, \$2.75; Texas Book Store price, \$2.47. 205 pp. This is an excellent reference book for those who are interested in writing poetry. For those schools where the verse speaking choir wants to use original material, this book will give some of the mechanics for producing it.

*Your Flag and Mine* (Poems of Patriotism). Reilly & Lee Co., Chicago, Ill., 1942. List price, \$1.00; Texas Book Store price, \$ .80. 107 pp. The book contains poems on patriotism. Some of the poems are suitable for Elementary School Declamation. The majority of the rest of the poems are suitable for Junior Declamation and Poetry Reading.

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*Choral Speaking Arrangements for the Junior High*, by Louise Abney. Expression Co., Boston, Mass., 1939. List price, \$1.75; Texas Book Store price, \$1.75, net. 171 pp. The first part of the book is essentially for the teacher who is interested in arrangements for choral speaking work. Poems especially suited to the Junior High age are included, from nonsense poems to spiritual poems. This is an excellent resource book for teachers interested in Choral Speech, particularly Junior High School teachers.

*Conquest—Book Three*, collected and edited by George W. Norvell and Carol Hovious. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, Mass., 1947. List price, \$3.12; Texas Book Store price, \$2.81. 597 pp. The D. C. Heath Company has issued the Conquest Series as their entry in the textbook literature field. This volume, Book Three, and the next volume in the series, Book Four, are adapted to the High School level. Most of the selections are prose, and are not very well suited to Senior Declamation. These are excellent books for oral reading in the classroom, however.

*Conquest—Book Four*, collected and edited by George W. Norvell and Carol Hovious. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, Mass., 1951. List price, \$3.36; Texas Book Store price, \$3.02. 688 pp.

*Highlights in American Literature*, edited by Srygley, Betts, Allison, & Froneberger. Banks, Upshaw Co., Dallas, 1940. List price, \$5.00; Texas Book Store price, \$4.00. 923 pp. The book, a standard text in American literature, contains a few poems and a few prose selections which might be suitable for the Declamation Contests and for Poetry Reading.

*In Green Pastures*, compiled by Marjorie Barrows. Halcyon House, Garden City, N. Y., 1949. List price, \$2.00; Texas Book Store price, \$1.60. 231 pp. The book is a collection of recent prose and poetry selections. Some of the poetry can be used in the Junior and Senior Declamation Contests. Not many of the prose selections are suitable for Senior Declamation.

*Joyce Kilmer's Poems, Essays, Letters*, edited by Robert Cortes Holliday. Doubleday & Co., Garden City, N. Y., 1949. List price, \$5.00; Texas Book Store price,

\$4.00. 290 pp. The major interest of this book to us here is Joyce Kilmer's poetry. About half of the volume is devoted to his poems. Many of the poems are suitable for both Junior Declamation and Poetry Reading.

*Literature for Interpretation*, edited by Bates and Kay. Expression Co., Boston, Mass., 1939. Texas Book Store price, \$3.50, net. 597 pp. The volume includes both drill and practice in prose and poetry selections. Few of the prose selections are suitable for Senior Declamation but many of the poetry selections can be used for Junior Declamation and for Poetry Reading. The book requires a teacher to help with the drill work for there is little explanatory matter aside from the selections in the book.

*Modern Literature for Oral Interpretation*, edited by Gertrude E. Johnson. D. Appleton-Century Co., New York, 1930. Texas Book Store price, \$3.60, net. 638 pp. The book has an excellent section on interpretative reading—its aim and content; and several sections on suggestions for interpretation. The selections have a wide variety, many of which are suitable for Junior Declamation or for Poetry Reading.

*Pieces for Every Day the Schools Celebrate*, edited by Deming and Bemis. Noble & Noble, New York, 1949. List price, \$3.00; Texas Book Store price, \$2.40. 455 pp. The selections are predominantly poems, though there are some prose selections included. Most of the pieces are short, and many of them should be suitable for Elementary School Declamation. If students are working up a special day program, they will find suitable material classified under such titles as "Commencement," "Memorial Day," "Thanksgiving Day," and the like.

*Principles of Oral Interpretation with Selections Old and New*, by Dana T. Burns. Expression Co., Boston, Mass., 1936. List price, \$3.00; Texas Book Store price, \$3.00 net. 222 pp. A number of selections suitable to all the contests—Junior Declamation (poetry), Senior Declamation (prose), and Senior Poetry Reading (poetry) are included in this book. The book includes an excellent discussion of the difference between public-speaking, interpretative reading, dramatic reading, and impersonation. This is an excellent reference book for the classroom.

*A Treasury of the Familiar*, edited by Ralph L. Woods. Macmillan Co., Dallas, 1942. List price, \$6.50; Texas Book Store price, \$5.20. 751 pp. Both the better known, more literary poetry of the best known poets and the verse of the people are included in this anthology. A few prose selections are given as well. Material can be found for both Elementary and Junior Declamations.

*Worlds of People*, edited by Matilda Bailey and Ullin W. Leavell. American Book Co., New York, 1951. List price, \$2.64; Texas Book Store price, \$2.38. 501 pp. This volume is typical of the many literature books adopted as State Text Books. There is a cross-section of prose and poetry, fiction and non-fiction included. Other volumes included in the entire Series, published by the American Book Company, are: *Worlds of Adventure*; *Worlds to Explore*; *The World of Endless Horizons*; *The World of America*; and, *The World of Our English Heritage*. Each of these is intended as the literature text for each succeeding grade in High School. Many of the selections in all the books can be used as either Junior or Senior Declamations.

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*Eyes of Boyhood*, edited by Clyde Brion Davis. J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia, Pa., 1953. List price, \$3.75; Texas Book Store price, \$3.00. 323 pp. As the author says, this book includes selections about boys rather than for boys. Some of the best writers are represented. Both fiction and non-fiction selections are given. A few of the selections are suitable for adaptation to Senior Declamation. All of the selections are suitable for oral reading in the classroom.

*Fact and Opinion*, edited by William R. Wood, John D. Husband, and Francis L. Bacon. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, Mass., 1945. List price, \$3.40; Texas Book Store price, \$3.06. 692 pp. This is a non-fiction prose collection meant to be used primarily as a textbook. There is a wide variety of material included. Notable is the material dealing with our relations with Central and South America. Many of the selections can be readily cut to make good Senior Declamations. About 400 pages are devoted to short selections. Some 200 pages is the autobiography of Otto Eischenschiml, *Without Fame*.

*Give Me Liberty*, edited by Fowler Harper. Wheeler Publishing Co. List price, \$1.12; Texas Book Store price, \$1.00. The prose selections in this book can be cut to serve as Senior Declamations. There are many selections that deal with a fresh viewpoint to American life.

*Great Speeches*, edited by Elizabeth W. Baker. Allyn & Baker, Dallas, 1927. List price, \$1.40; Texas Book Store price, \$1.20. 253 pp. This book, compiled in 1927, has a good collection of the great standard speeches made by Americans since the beginning of our country. This is a good source of Senior Declamations for students who want the great thoughts of our outstanding leaders of the past.

*The Heritage of America*, edited by Henry Steele Commager and Allan Nevins. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, Mass., 1949. List price, \$4.40; Texas Book Store Price, \$3.96. 1227 pp. Individual selections from the great Americans who actually made history are given in a systematic, chronological order. Some of the selections are well suited to Senior Declamation, though most of them are given in the first person, since the writers are generally quoting from their own experience. This is an excellent source book for American History.

*How to Make Better Speeches*, by William G. Hoffman. Funk & Wagnalls Co., New York, 1948. List price, \$3.00; Texas Book Store price, \$2.70. 266 pp. This volume is typical of the many being published today on the business of how to be at home with any audience. This one is as good as any. Numbers of good examples are given on how to begin and end and other related subjects. This is a good source volume for the speech class.

*A Little Treasury of American Prose*, edited by George Mayberry. Charles Scribner's Sons. New York, 1949. List price, \$3.00; Texas Book Store price, \$2.40. 954 pp. This is a good standard anthology of selections by the best American prose writers, both fiction and non-fiction. Some of the selections, with proper cutting, can be used as Senior Declamations.

*Modern Short Stories for Oral Interpretation*, selected and edited by M. Pearl Lloyd and John Tryon Marshman. Expression Co., Boston, Mass., 1933. List price, \$3.00; Texas Book Store price, \$3.00, net. 306 pp. Although the selections are not directly usable in any of the League contests, the book does offer some excellent suggestions and practice material for reading aloud. Many schools encourage the study of oral reading. This is an excellent source book for that purpose. Not recommended as a declamation source book.

*Nothing to Fear—The Speeches of Franklin D. Roosevelt*, compiled by B. D. Zevin. Houghton Mifflin Co., Cambridge, Mass., 1946. List price, \$4.00; Texas Book Store price, \$3.20. 456 pp. These are the selected addresses (1932–1945) of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Each speech is accompanied by brief explanatory notes. The speeches range from the depression days to the founding of the United Nations. Many of the speeches are too long for Senior Declamations and will have to be cut if they are used. The speeches are typical of Roosevelt's style.

*Problems in American Civilization*. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, Mass. List price, \$1.10 each; Texas Book Store price, \$1.00 each. This is a series of 8 separate booklets, each of which gives a number of selected readings on the subject of the booklet listed. All of the books are arranged similarly, and all are prose selections. Many of the selections in the various booklets may be adapted for

Senior Declamations, though, in the main, the selections are much too long, and will have to be cut drastically. Each of the books is a good source book for students who are writing original declamations:

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*Representative American Speeches* (published annually), edited by A. Craig Baird. H. W. Wilson Co., New York. List prices range from \$1.25 to \$1.75 per volume. Available from publisher. A collection of the best speeches by contemporary American leaders in education, politics, science, etc.

*So You're Going to Make a Speech*, by James Lee Ellenwood. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1951. List price, \$2.00; Texas Book Store price, \$1.80. 122 pp. Although there are no selections included in this book that might be used in the Declamation Contests, the interesting and informal style of writing should make the book interesting to young people who are seeking help in speech preparation. This is a good source book concerning style for extemp speakers and declaimers who are writing their own declamations.

*A Speech for Every Occasion*, edited by A. C. Edgerton. Noble & Noble, New York, 1939. List price, \$3.00; Texas Book Store price, \$2.40. 445 pp. This anthology contains a collection of relatively short prose selections (most of which are not long enough for Senior Declamations) on social affairs, holidays, patriotic occasions, educational functions, and the like. This is a handy reference book for speakers who want samples of speeches for any kind of special gathering.

*Time to be Young*, edited by Whit Burnett. J. B. Lippincott Co., 1945. List price, \$3.75; Texas Book Store price, \$3.00. 440 pp. Some of the best writers contribute both fiction and non-fiction prose selections which are suitable for oral reading in the classroom. A few of the selections can be adapted to Senior Declamation.

*Young America Speaks*, edited by M. R. Dodd. Allyn & Bacon, Dallas, 1944. List price, \$1.76; Texas Book Store price, \$1.58. 235 pp. This volume, published in 1944, is a compilation of the speeches given in the National High School Oratorical Contest sponsored by the American Legion. As might be gathered from the publication date, most of the selections deal with the war in one way or another, though the three major sections are titled "American Ideals," "War and Peace," and "The Constitution." All of these are original orations by High School students themselves. They, of course, with proper cutting to conform to League Rules, are suitable for Senior Declamation.

*Editorials from Daily Newspapers*. The newspapers carry many editorials on up-to-date problems which can be adapted for Senior Declamation.

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*Original Orations.* Students are encouraged by the new rulings to write their own declamations. Such selections usually are of greater value to students, and of greater interest to an audience, than are those written by recognized authors. However, it must be kept in mind that original orations are to be judged on the same basis as are those written by experienced speakers.

*Vital Speeches of the Day.* Current issues, \$ .30 per copy; back issues, \$ .50 per copy; \$6.00 per year (published 1st and 15th of each month). This current magazine contains the outstanding speeches delivered in the nation during each past fortnight. Most of the speeches require cutting. Highly recommended.

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